UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE: November 16, 1967

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

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"INSTRUCTION" NOT OBEYED

News media 11/15/67 reported Harold Weisberg is writing a series of seven books attacking the Warren Commission Report. Weisberg's latest book is reportedly entitled "Oswald in New Orleans: Case for Conspiracy With the CIA." The Director has instructed that he be furnished an analysis of allegations against the FBI attributed to Weisberg by news media.

BACKGROUND OF WEISBERG:

Weisberg is the author of the book entitled "Whitewash-The Report of the Warren Report." This book is a vitriolic and diabolical criticism of the Warren Commission, the FBI, the Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of the United States Government. It contains inaccuracies, falsehoods and deliberate slanting of facts to fit Weisberg's purpose. Weisberg was one of ten employees fired summarily by the State Department during 1947 because of suspicion of being a communist or having communist sympathies. Later he was allowed to resign without prejudice but was not restored to his former position. [redacted]

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ANALYSIS OF WEISBERG'S CURRENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE FBI:

1. Weisberg claims Anna Meller, a friend of Marina Oswald, visited the Oswalds' apartment in Dallas prior to the assassination and noted writings of Karl Marx. Weisberg claims Meller's husband phoned the FBI and was told that Oswald was alright. Weisberg's allegations are completely false. Anna Meller was a white Russian friend of Marina Oswald and testified before the Warren Commission. In her testimony she stated she noted a book by Karl Marx in Oswald's apartment. She did not claim this data was called to the attention of the FBI by her husband.

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2. Weisberg claims that the [illegible] withheld [illegible] Commission information [illegible] Guy Banister, a [illegible] anti-Castro C[illegible] and [illegible] Intelligence Agency (CIA) anti-Castro Cuban group was located. Weisberg alleges Oswald had connection with this anti-Castro CIA group.

During our investigation we developed no information Oswald had any connection with Guy Banister or with any anti-Castro Cuban group located in the building where Banister's office was located. We determined an anti-Castro Cuban group had been in this building in 1961-62 but left this building sometime in 1962, almost one year before Lee Harvey Oswald arrived in New Orleans in April, 1963. Such data was furnished to the Warren Commission.

3. Weisberg alleges FBI misrepresented Banister's address to the Warren Commission and also neglected to inform the Warren Commission of Banister's background.

The FBI did not misrepresent Banister's address. Banister's office address was 531 Lafayette Street. It so happened this was a corner building and there were exits on Lafayette Street and on Camp Street. The latter entrance carried a Camp Street address. We found no indication Banister ever knew Oswald and consequently there was no reason for us to furnish Warren Commission background data regarding Banister.

4. Weisberg alleges that an unnamed witness tried to tell a Warren Commission counsel that the FBI was involved in anti-Castro Cuban groups in New Orleans but that this witness was then threatened by the FBI. It is not known whom Weisberg is referring to as this unnamed witness. The allegation is absolutely false. Weisberg alleges that the FBI doctored a picture depicting the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository building where Oswald allegedly was standing. Weisberg claimed the FBI eliminated more than 50 percent of the picture. Weisberg alleged that "J. Edgar Hoover knew this suppressed picture showed the Presidential motorcade directly in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building."

It is not known what picture Weisberg is speaking of. The FBI doctored no film. We conducted exhaustive investigation in an effort to find any film depicting the Texas School Book Depository building sixth floor window where Oswald was stationed when the Presidential motorcade passed in front of the building. We were unsuccessful in our attempts to find such photograph and it appears no one possesses such photograph. We did, of course, locate individuals who did see Oswald or his gun in the window in question at the time the Presidential motorcade passed this building.

ACTION: This is for the Director's information.

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